



KOREAN WAR PRISONER OF WAR EVENT – AUGUST 12, 2003

Although the Korean War Armistice ended the fighting on July 27, 1953, there were 3,597 Americans still held as POWs. "Big Switch," as the primary exchange of POWs was nicknamed, began 9 days later on August 5th. The last 160 of these Americans passed through the gates at Panmunjom at 1100 hours on September 6th. This coming August 5th to September 6th will be the 50th Anniversary of their freedom.

On August 12, 2003, there will be a conference to honor these POWs and the POWs who perished during captivity. Conference will be held at Fort Lewis' American Lake Club beginning at 10:00 AM and continue until 2:30 PM. Lunch will be available.

Speaker and panel moderator will be Dr. Lewis H. Carlson, a retired college professor who has studied and written books and articles on prisoners of war. Dr. Carlson's latest book, "Remembered Prisoners of a Forgotten War," was recently released. Book covers Korean War POWs. It is available in public libraries, major bookstores and on line.

Military personnel and the public are invited. All exPOWs and other Veterans of all Wars, their family members and friends, are specifically invited to attend. ExPOWs and other Veterans, wear your ribbons and medals. You earned them. American Lake Club is on North Fort Lewis. Entrance to Fort Lewis can be made from Interstate Highway I-5 Exit 120 through the North Fort Lewis Gate. This is the closest gate to the American Lake Club. The route to the American Lake Club will be marked.

This 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration event is being jointly sponsored by the Fort Lewis Chapter of the Association of the United States Army and the 1st Military Police Brigade. It will complete the Korean War Commemoration Program at Fort Lewis.

Entrance to Fort Lewis requires a DOD vehicle decal or special clearance and driver picture ID. Please answer the question on DOD vehicle decal in the below mail in coupon.

Information: 1st MP Brigade at (253) 967-9927

Duty Uniform for Military Personnel

Your help in getting an accurate attendance count is needed. If you, to include others that you will bring, plan to attend, please fill out and mail in the below coupon by August 1, 2003.

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August 12, 2003, American Lake Club, Fort Lewis, WA 98433

COMMEMORATIVE EVENT HONORING PRISONERS OF WAR

Number Attending _____ Number who will buy lunch _____ Korean War ex-POW? _____

Lunch will be available and will cost approximately \$10.00 (Pay as you go.)
(Please, do not send money.)

Have DOD vehicle decal? Yes ___ No ___ If No, Make _____ Model _____ License # _____ State _____

Mail to: AUSA, PO Box 33181, Fort Lewis, WA 98433; Not later than August 1, 2003

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